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The Honorable Michael McCabe
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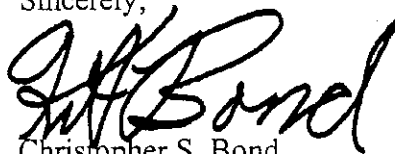
Dear Mr. McCabe:

The purpose of this letter is to request further information on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA/Agency) compliance assistance efforts. In response to previous requests, EPA provided information on its compliance assistance funding within the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA). I now request EPA develop and provide Agency-wide information on compliance assistance funding.

EPA's FY 2001 Annual Compliance Assistance Activity Plan, while not really a plan, does at least attempt to inventory compliance assistance activities throughout the Agency. That inventory shows organizations within EPA conducting compliance assistance include OECA and the regional offices, as well as each of the media program offices and the innovations office. Indications from EPA are that it is in the early stages of determining Agency-wide spending levels for compliance assistance. It is now time to formalize and accelerate that effort.

Therefore, I request that the appropriate EPA personnel meet with my staff to discuss an EPA plan and timeframe for determining Agency-wide compliance assistance spending at 2 pm on Wednesday, February 14, 2001, in 428A Russell Senate Office Building. EPA attendees should include personnel from OECA and the Chief Financial Officer's office, as well as representatives for the innovation office, regional offices and media program offices. Additionally, I request that the OECA representative provide actual FY 2000 spending levels for its compliance assistance efforts in OECA. Determining Agency-wide spending for compliance assistance efforts will not be easy, but I believe it is a task the Agency must accomplish and continue to perform in subsequent years. If you have any questions regarding these issues, please contact John Stoodly at 224-5175. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Christopher S. Bond
Chairman